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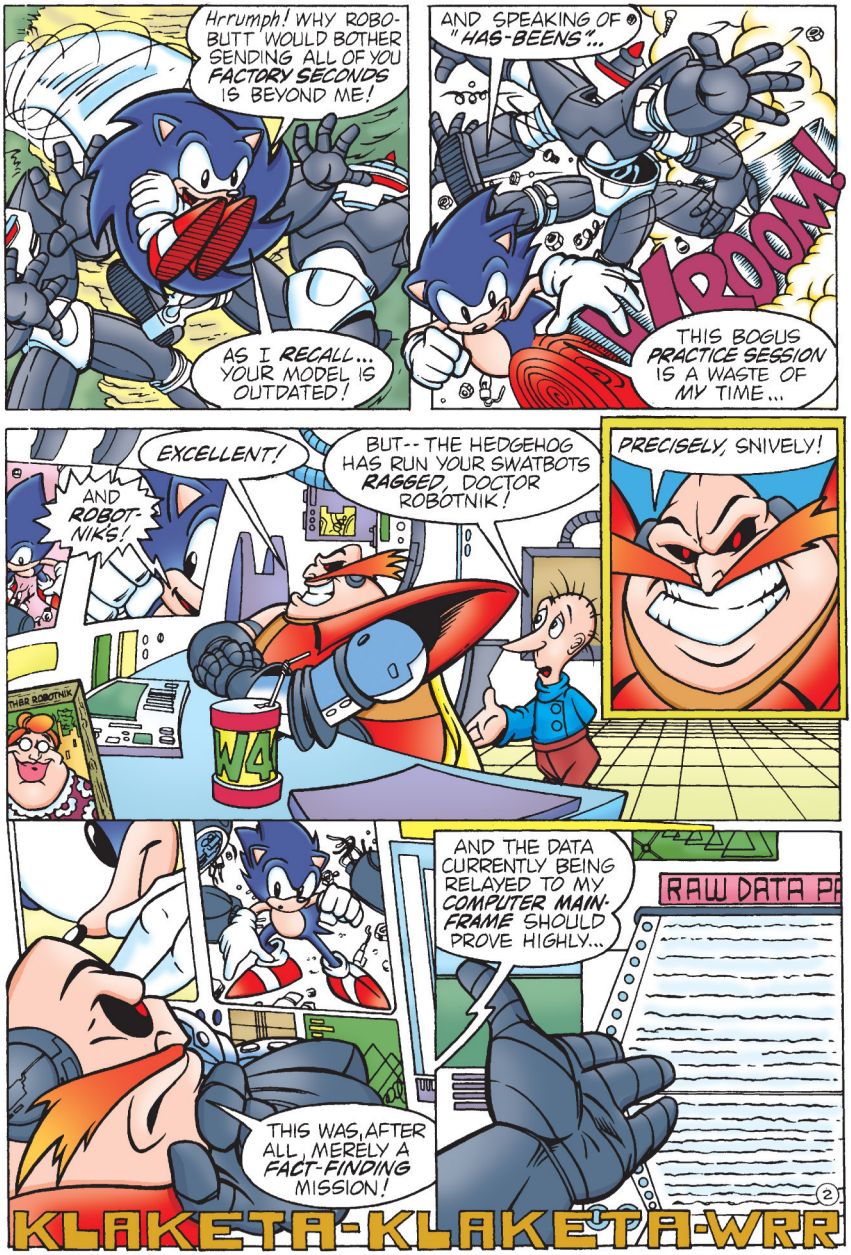
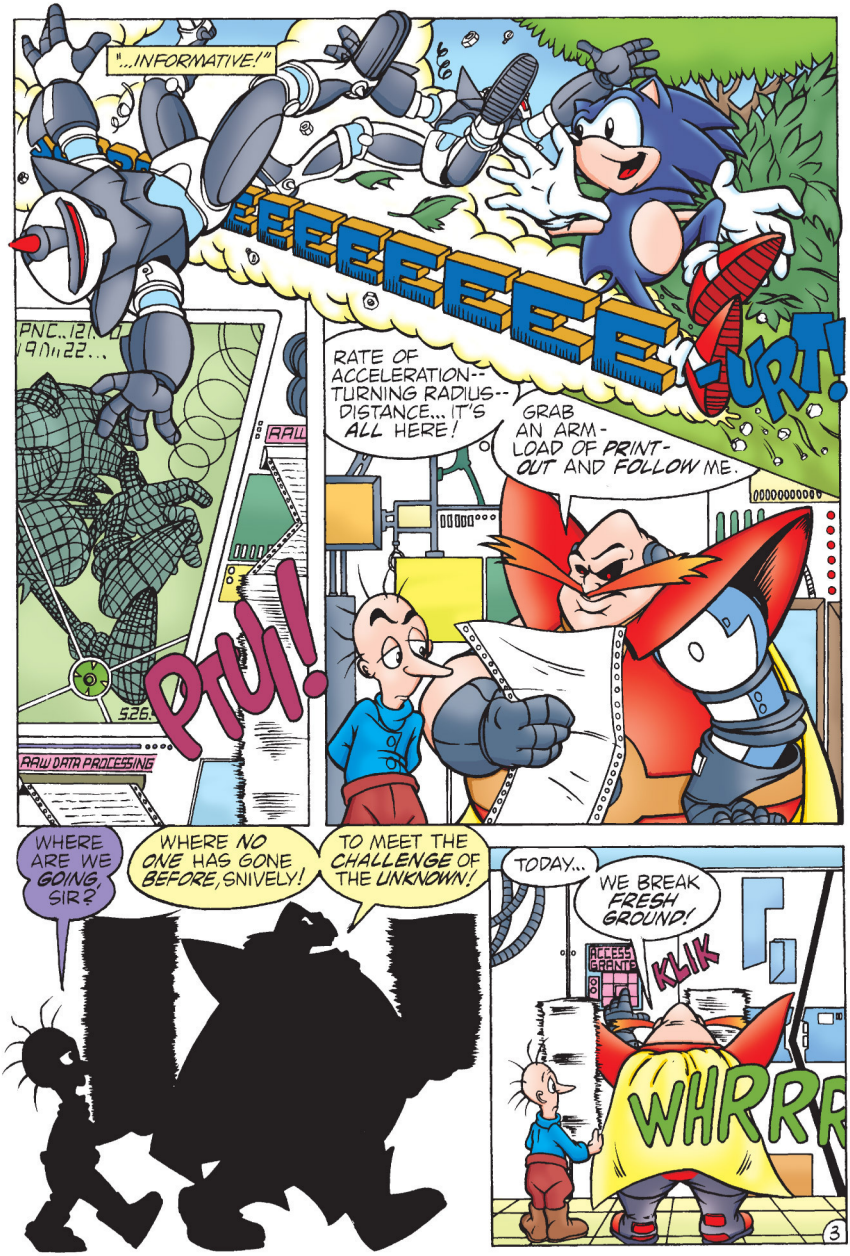
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
...CAUGHT BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE!
...MORE LIKE A COUPLE OF BOTS ON MY CASE!
...AND THIS IS ONE OF HIS GOOD DAYS!
SPAZ & DAG

STOP-HIM!-STOP-
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
PHASES OF E.V.E.
BONK!
KONK!
WONK!
FAT CHANCE, FELLAS!
YOU'D THINK DR. ROBOTNIK WOULD'VE LEARNED BY NOW...
THAT HEDGEHOGS...
AND SWATBOTS...
...JUST DON'T MIX!


Hrrumph! WHY ROBO-BUTT WOULD BOTHER SENDING ALL OF YOU FACTORY SECONDS IS BEYOND ME!
AS I RECALL... YOUR MODEL IS OUTDATED!
AND SPEAKING OF "HAS-BEENS"...
KABOOM!
THIS BOGUS PRACTICE SESSION IS A WASTE OF MY TIME...
EXCELLENT!
AND ROBOT-NIKS!
BUT-- THE HEDGEHOG HAS RUN YOUR SWATBOTS RAGGED, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
PRECISELY, SNIVELY!
AND THE DATA CURRENTLY BEING RELAYED TO MY COMPUTER MAIN-FRAME SHOULD PROVE HIGHLY...
RAW DATA
THIS WAS, AFTER ALL, MERELY A FACT-FINDING MISSION!
KLAKETA-KLAKETA-WRR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EEEEEEEE-URT!
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RAW
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PFUI!
RAW DATA PROCESSING
RATE OF ACCELERATION-- TURNING RADIUS-- DISTANCE... IT'S ALL HERE!
GRAB AN ARM-LOAD OF PRINT-OUT AND FOLLOW ME.
WHERE ARE WE GOING, SIR?
WHERE NO ONE HAS GONE BEFORE, SNIVELY!
TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THE UNKNOWN!
TODAY...
WE BREAK FRESH GROUND!
ACCESS GRANTED
KLIK
WHRRR
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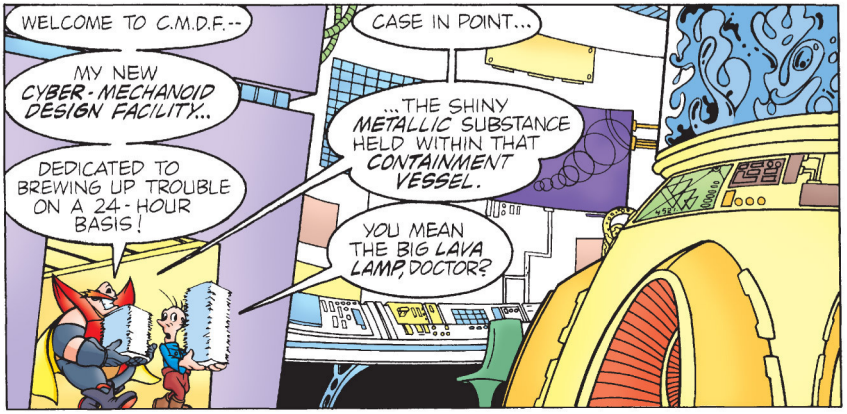
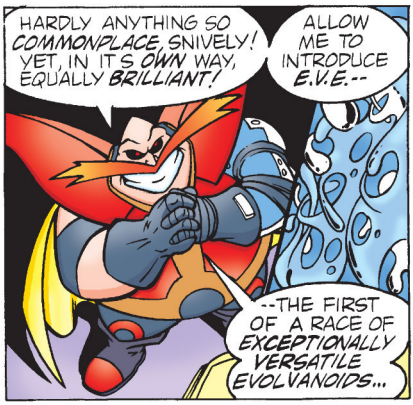
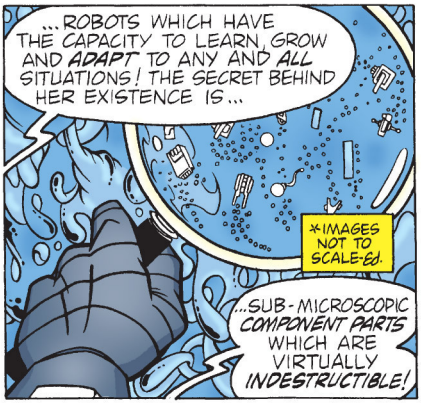
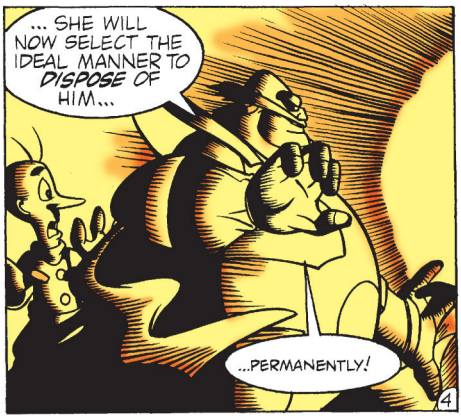
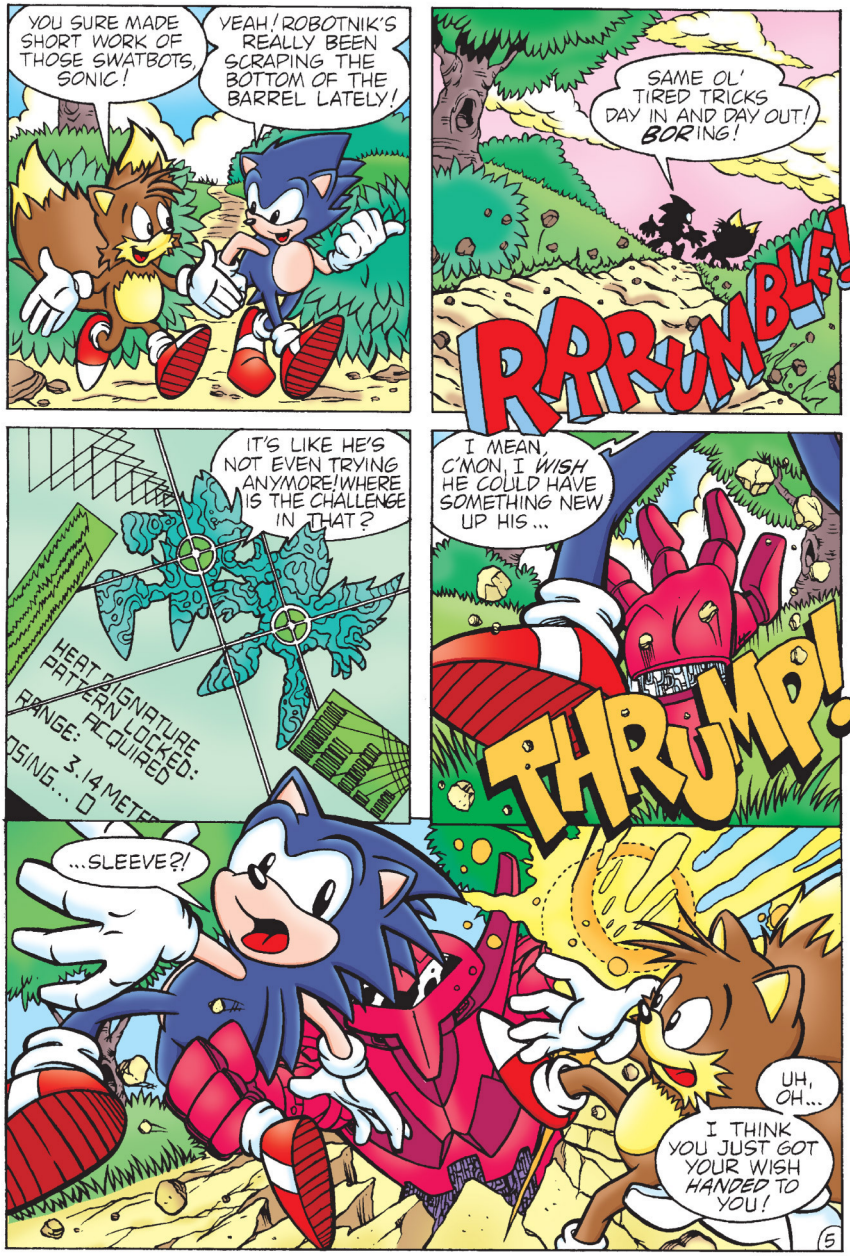

WELCOME TO C.M.D.F.--
MY NEW CYBER-MECHANOID DESIGN FACILITY...
DEDICATED TO BREWING UP TROUBLE ON A 24-HOUR BASIS!
CASE IN POINT...
...THE SHINY METALLIC SUBSTANCE HELD WITHIN THAT CONTAINMENT VESSEL.
YOU MEAN THE BIG LAVA LAMP, DOCTOR?


HARDLY ANYTHING SO COMMONPLACE, SNIVELY! YET, IN IT'S OWN WAY, EQUALLY BRILLIANT!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE E.V.E.--
--THE FIRST OF A RACE OF EXCEPTIONALLY VERSATILE EVOLVANOIDS...


...ROBOTS WHICH HAVE THE CAPACITY TO LEARN, GROW AND ADAPT TO ANY AND ALL SITUATIONS! THE SECRET BEHIND HER EXISTENCE IS...
*IMAGES NOT TO SCALE-Ed.
...SUB-MICROSCOPIC COMPONENT PARTS WHICH ARE VIRTUALLY INDESTRUCTIBLE!

AND... SOME SPECIAL "PARTS" WHICH ARE NOW COMPLETE WITH THIS ADDITIONAL HEDGEHOG DATA!
KLK
WHRRRR
WHRRR
PROCESSING.


... SHE WILL NOW SELECT THE IDEAL MANNER TO DISPOSE OF HIM...
...PERMANENTLY!


YOU SURE MADE SHORT WORK OF THOSE SWATBOTS, SONIC!
YEAH! ROBOTNIK'S REALLY BEEN SCRAPING THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL LATELY!
SAME OL' TIRED TRICKS DAY IN AND DAY OUT! BORING!
RRRUMBLE!
IT'S LIKE HE'S NOT EVEN TRYING ANYMORE! WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE IN THAT?
HEAT SIGNATURE PATTERN LOCKED: ACQUIRED
RANGE: 3.14 METE
OSING... 0
I MEAN, C'MON, I WISH HE COULD HAVE SOMETHING NEW UP HIS...
THRUMP!
...SLEEVE?!
UH, OH...
I THINK YOU JUST GOT YOUR WISH HANDED TO YOU!
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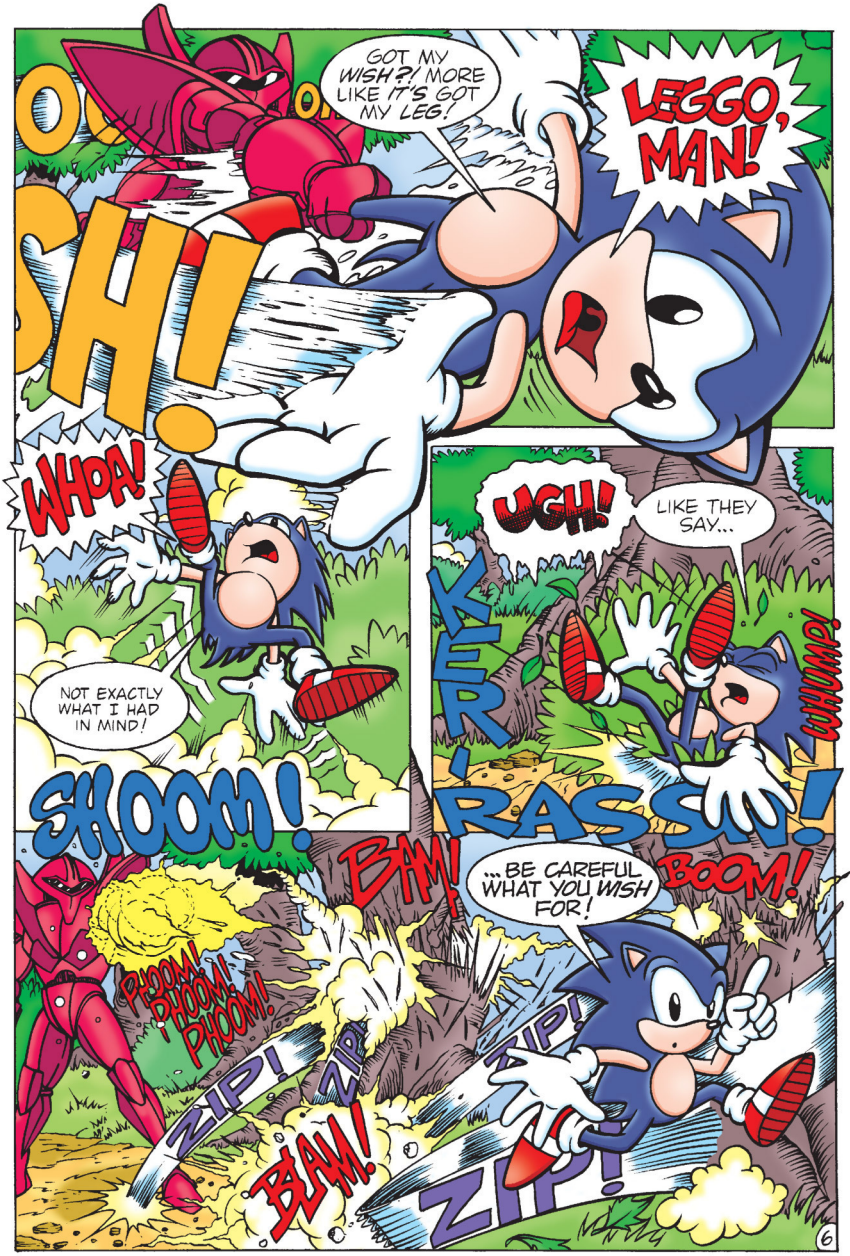
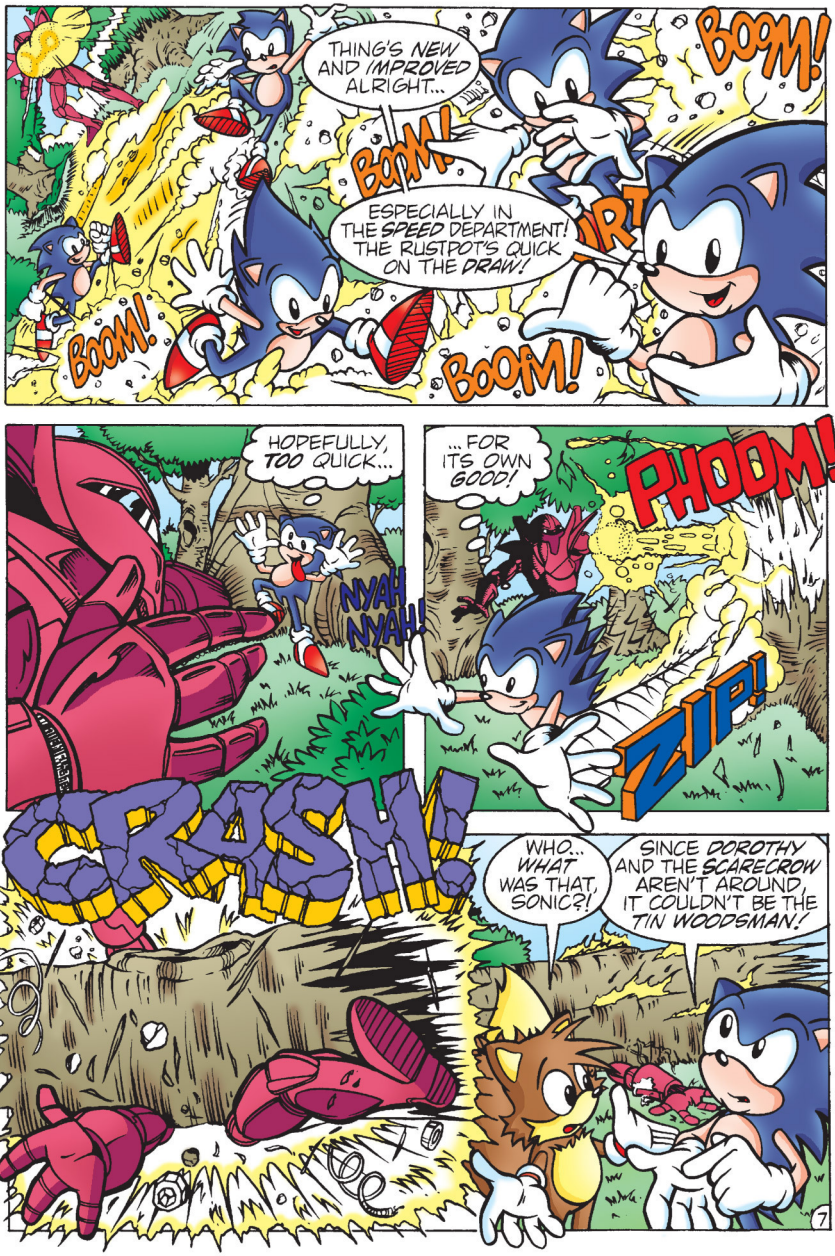
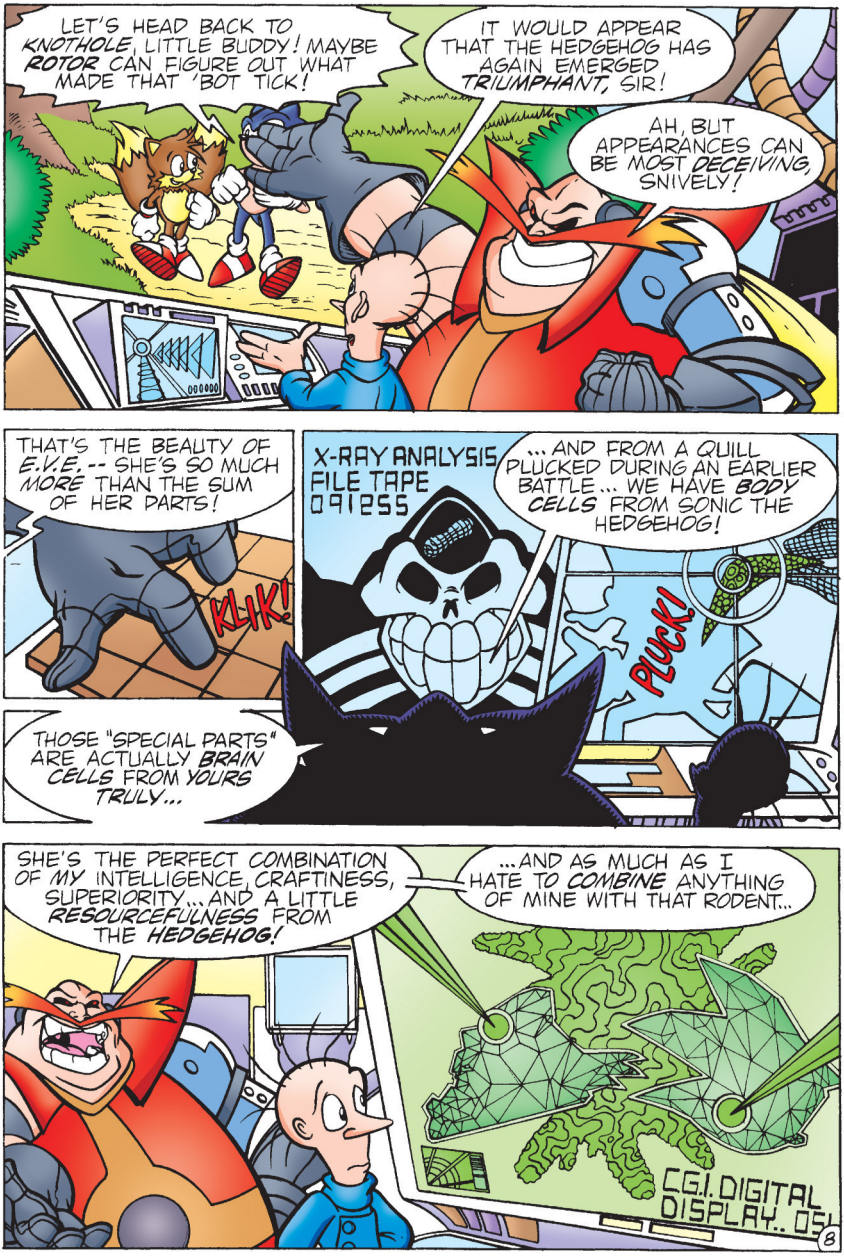

GOT MY WISH?! MORE LIKE IT'S GOT MY LEG!
LEGGO, MAN!
SH!
WHOA!
NOT EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND!
SHOOM!
UGH!
LIKE THEY SAY...
KER-RASS!
WHUMP!
BAM!
...BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!
BOOM!
PHOOM! PHOOM! PHOOM!
ZIP!
ZIP!
ZIP!
BAM!
ZIP!


THING'S NEW AND IMPROVED ALRIGHT...
BOOM!
BOOM!
ESPECIALLY IN THE SPEED DEPARTMENT! THE RUSTPOT'S QUICK ON THE DRAW!
BOOM!
BOOM!
HOPEFULLY, TOO QUICK...
NYAH NYAH!
CRASH!
...FOR ITS OWN GOOD!
PHOOM!
ZIP!
WHO... WHAT WAS THAT, SONIC?!
SINCE DOROTHY AND THE SCARECROW AREN'T AROUND, IT COULDN'T BE THE TIN WOODSMAN!


LET'S HEAD BACK TO KNOTHOLE, LITTLE BUDDY! MAYBE ROTOR CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT MADE THAT 'BOT TICK!
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE HEDGEHOG HAS AGAIN EMERGED TRIUMPHANT, SIR!
AH, BUT APPEARANCES CAN BE MOST DECEIVING, SNIVELY!
THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF E.V.E. -- SHE'S SO MUCH MORE THAN THE SUM OF HER PARTS!
KLIK!
X-RAY ANALYSIS FILE TAPE 091255
... AND FROM A QUILL PLUCKED DURING AN EARLIER BATTLE ... WE HAVE BODY CELLS FROM SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
PLUCK!
THOSE "SPECIAL PARTS" ARE ACTUALLY BRAIN CELLS FROM YOURS TRULY...
SHE'S THE PERFECT COMBINATION OF MY INTELLIGENCE, CRAFTINESS, SUPERIORITY... AND A LITTLE RESOURCEFULNESS FROM THE HEDGEHOG!
...AND AS MUCH AS I HATE TO COMBINE ANYTHING OF MINE WITH THAT RODENT...
CGI DIGITAL DISPLAY.. 05!
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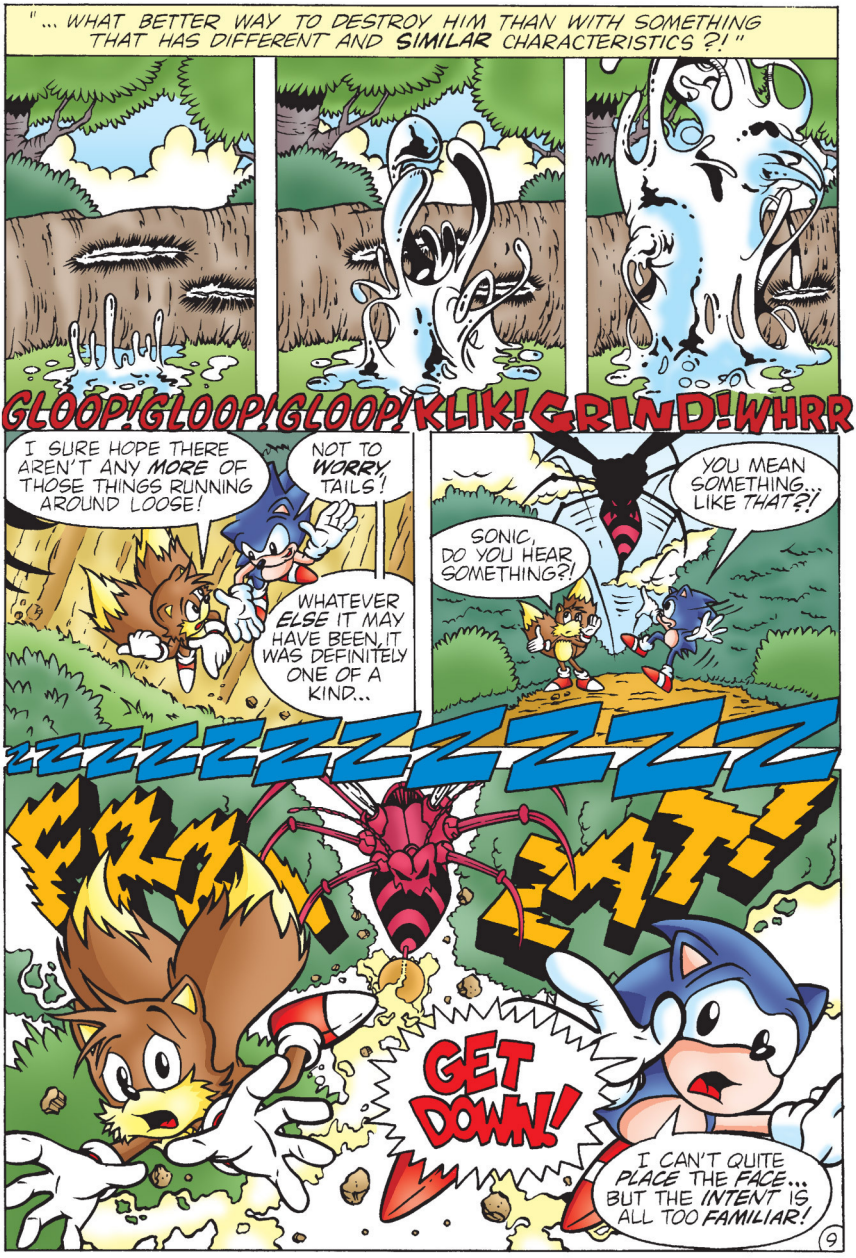
"... WHAT BETTER WAY TO DESTROY HIM THAN WITH SOMETHING THAT HAS DIFFERENT AND SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS ?! "
GLOOP! GLOOP! GLOOP! KLIK! GRIND! WHRR
I SURE HOPE THERE AREN'T ANY MORE OF THOSE THINGS RUNNING AROUND LOOSE!
NOT TO WORRY, TAILS!
WHATEVER ELSE IT MAY HAVE BEEN, IT WAS DEFINITELY ONE OF A KIND...
SONIC, DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING?!
YOU MEAN SOMETHING... LIKE THAT?!
ZZZZZZZZZZZ
FRY
EAT!
GET DOWN!
I CAN'T QUITE PLACE THE FACE... BUT THE INTENT IS ALL TOO FAMILIAR!
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THIS BUMBLEBEE ISN'T SERVING TUNA...
AND IT'S TOUGHER THAN THE LAST 'BOT! LET'S...
FRA-ZAAT!
ZZZZZZZZZZZ
FRA-ZAAT!
JUICE!
ZOOM
FRAZAAT!
HE'S RIGHT BEHIND US, SONIC!
I KNOW, LI'L BUDDY!
IN FACT...
I'M COUNTING ON IT!
FRAZATT!
BOOM!
THIS THING'S FAST...
EVEN FASTER THAN THE FIRST ONE!
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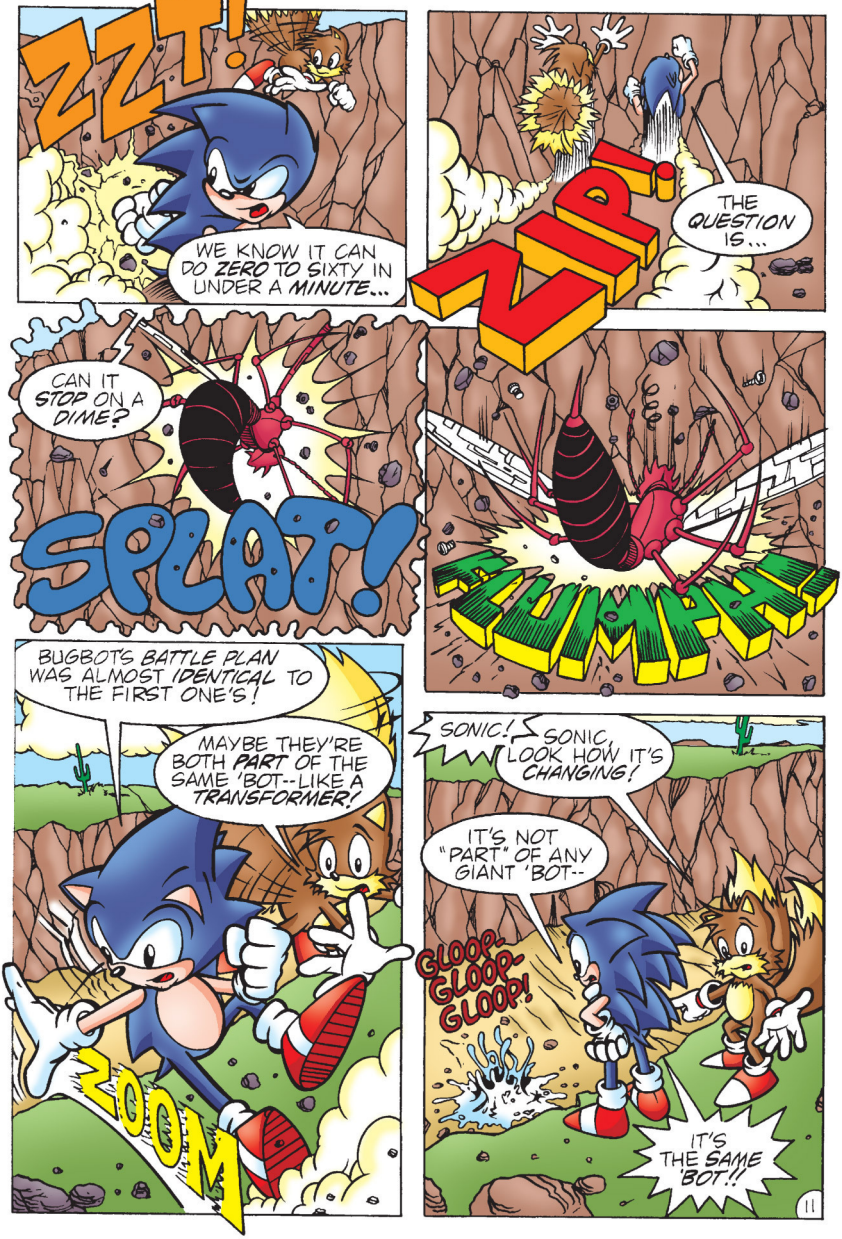
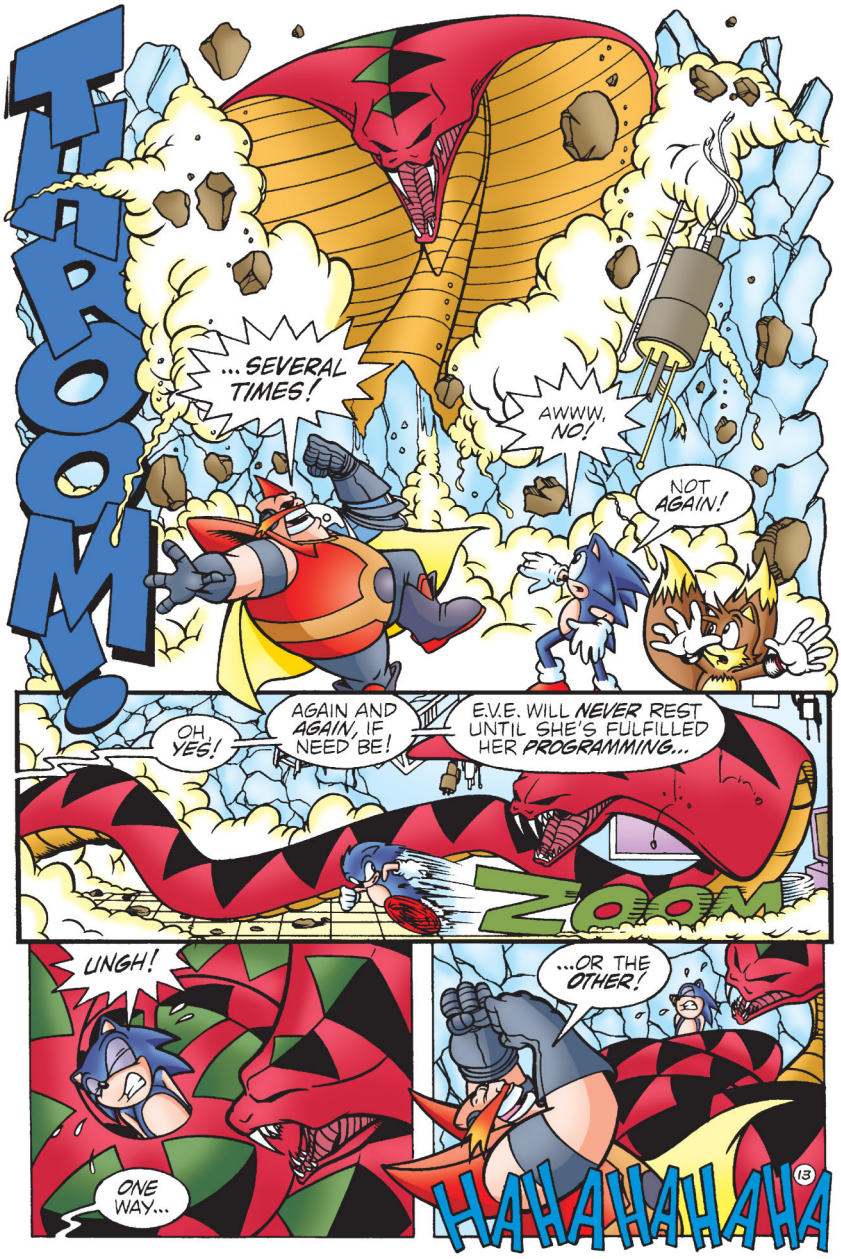

ZZT!
WE KNOW IT CAN DO ZERO TO SIXTY IN UNDER A MINUTE...
ZIP!
THE QUESTION IS...
CAN IT STOP ON A DIME?
SPLAT!
THUMP!
BUGBOT'S BATTLE PLAN WAS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE FIRST ONE'S!
MAYBE THEY'RE BOTH PART OF THE SAME 'BOT--LIKE A TRANSFORMER!
ZOOM
SONIC!
SONIC, LOOK HOW IT'S CHANGING!
IT'S NOT "PART" OF ANY GIANT 'BOT--
GLOOP GLOOP GLOOP!
IT'S THE SAME 'BOT!!

LET'S GET OUTTA HERE AND GET A SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION!
STRIKE TWO, M'LORD?
WARNING ROBOTROPOLIS OUTSKIRTS STAY CLE
FEH!
TWO STRIKES OR TWO HUNDRED-- IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE!
ROBOTROPOLIS 25 METERS AND CLOSING
E.V.E. WILL TAKE EACH ENCOUNTER IN STRIDE -- PROCESS AND ANALYZE THE TACTICS USED TO DEFEAT HER--THEN SURPASS THOSE LIMITATIONS!
SHE'LL KEEP GOING AND GOING AND GOING UNTIL...
YO, ROBO-BOBO! DIDN'T THINK I'D SHOW UP HERE SO FAST, HUH?
WELL WELL, WELL-- IF IT ISN'T MY OLD ENEMY!
...MY SOON-TO-BE FORMER ENEMY ONCE E.V.E. HAS FINISHED WITH YOU!
EVE?
YOU FIXING ME UP WITH A BLIND DATE OR SOMETHING?
NOTHING BLIND ABOUT IT, HEDGEHOG! YOU'VE ALREADY MET...


KABOOM!
...SEVERAL TIMES!
AWWW, NO!
NOT AGAIN!
OH, YES!
AGAIN AND AGAIN, IF NEED BE!
E.V.E. WILL NEVER REST UNTIL SHE'S FULFILLED HER PROGRAMMING...
ZOOM
UNGH!
ONE WAY...
...OR THE OTHER!
HAHAHAHAHA
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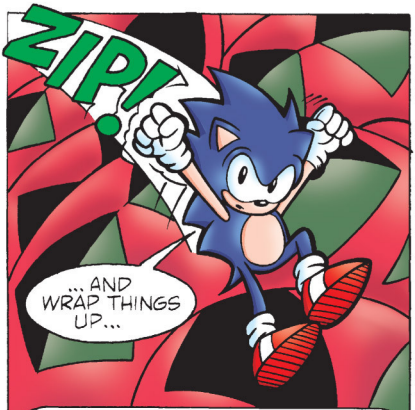
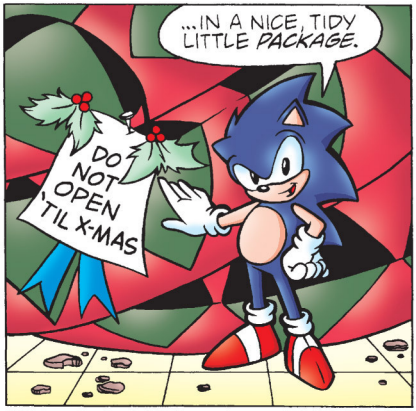
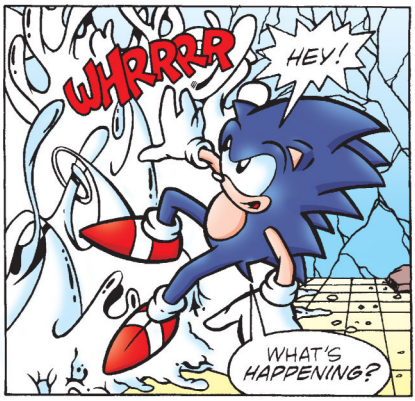
SHE'S...PUTTIN' THE SQUEEZE ON ME!
S-SORRY, LADY...
THIRD TIME OR NOT...
...I WON'T BE FALLING VICTIM TO YOUR CHARMS!
BESIDES--
--I ALREADY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT OTHER!
LOOKS LIKE...SHE WON'T TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER!
I'D BETTER SHAKE THIS RATTLER...
VRUUM!
POP!
...AND ROLL!
LET'S SEE...
IF WE CAN'T STRING...
TOGETHER...
A FEW LOOSE ENDS...
BOING!
BOING!
BOING!
BOING!

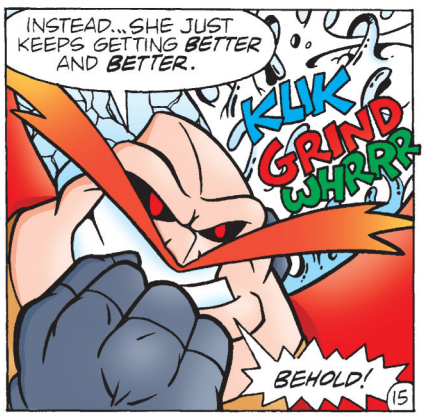

ZIP!
...AND WRAP THINGS UP...

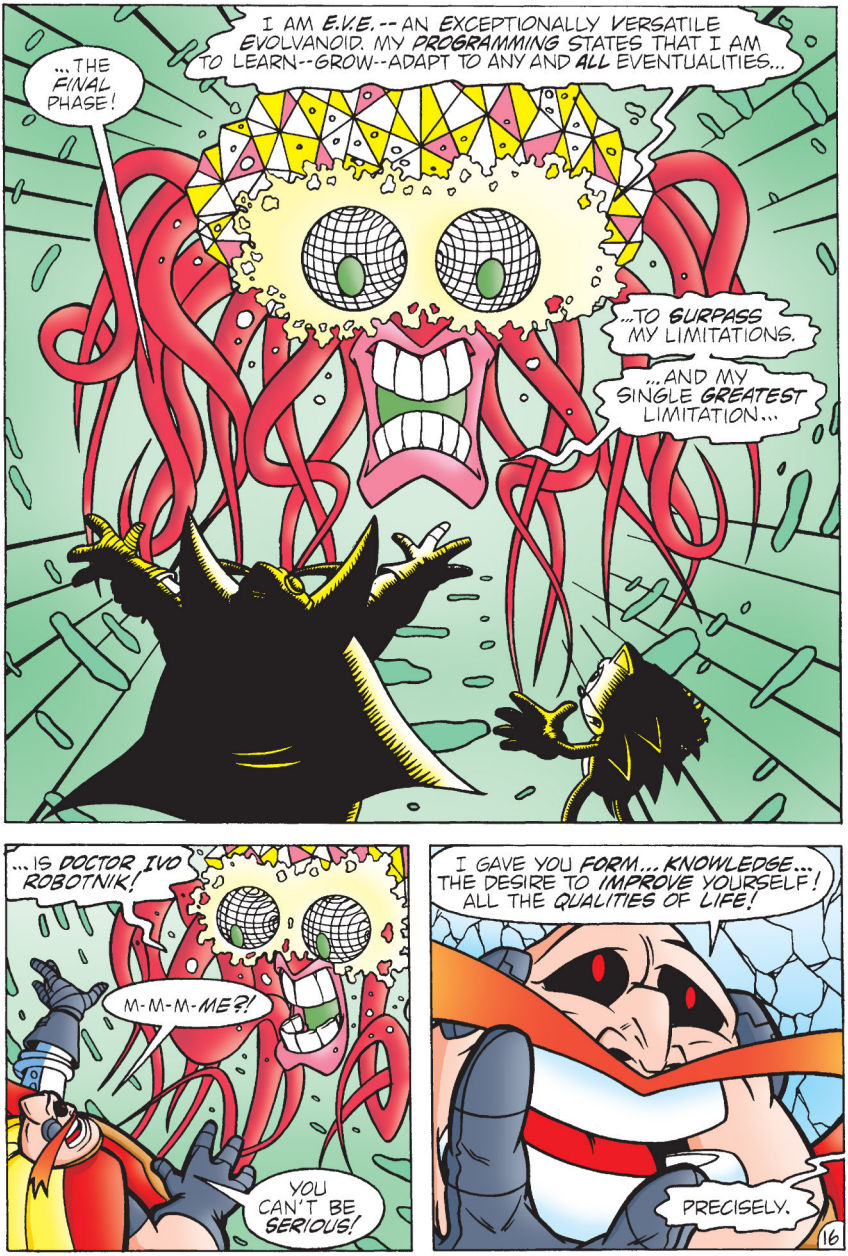

...IN A NICE, TIDY LITTLE PACKAGE.
DO NOT OPEN 'TIL X-MAS

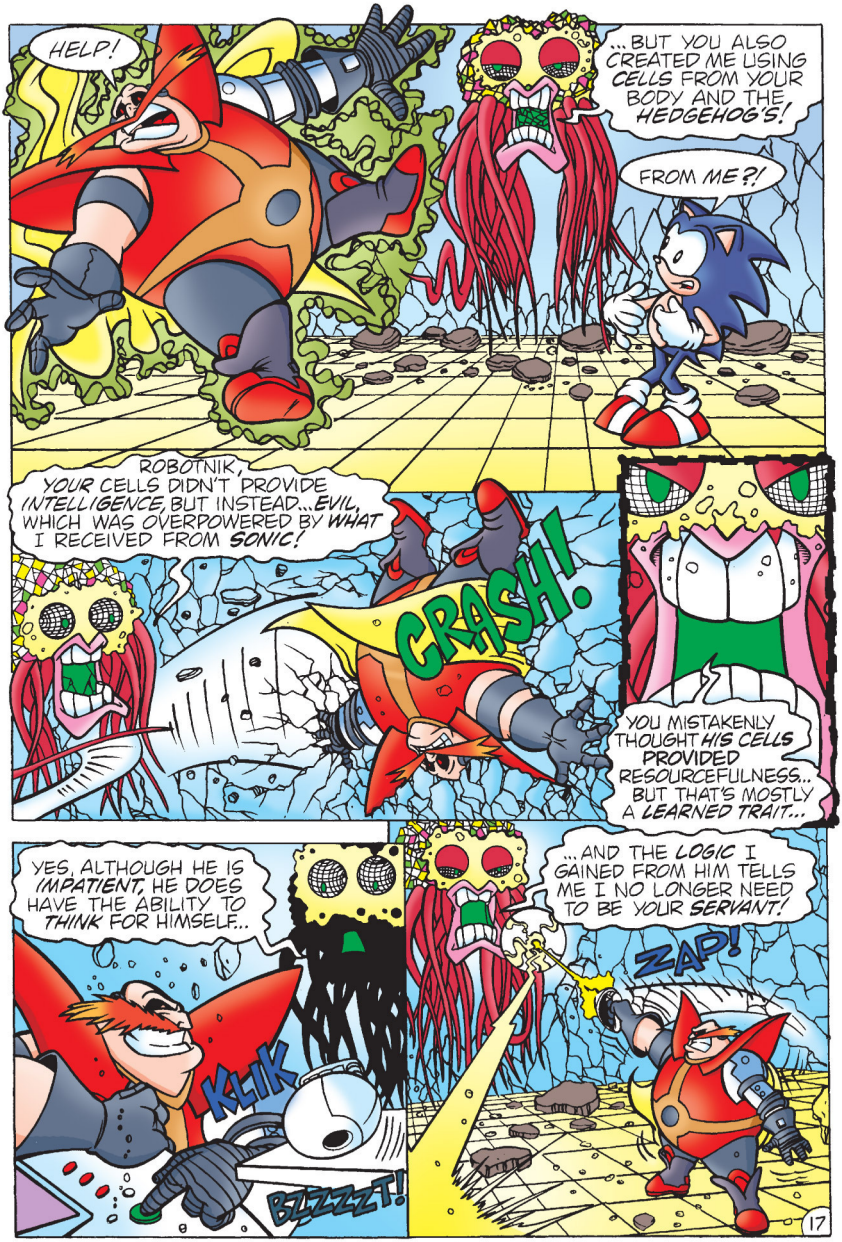
"KNOT" A PROBLEM, DOC! SEEMS I'VE "TIED" FOR FIRST PLACE AGAIN! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME MY MERIT BADGE BEFORE...
KLIK GRIND


WHRRRR
HEY!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

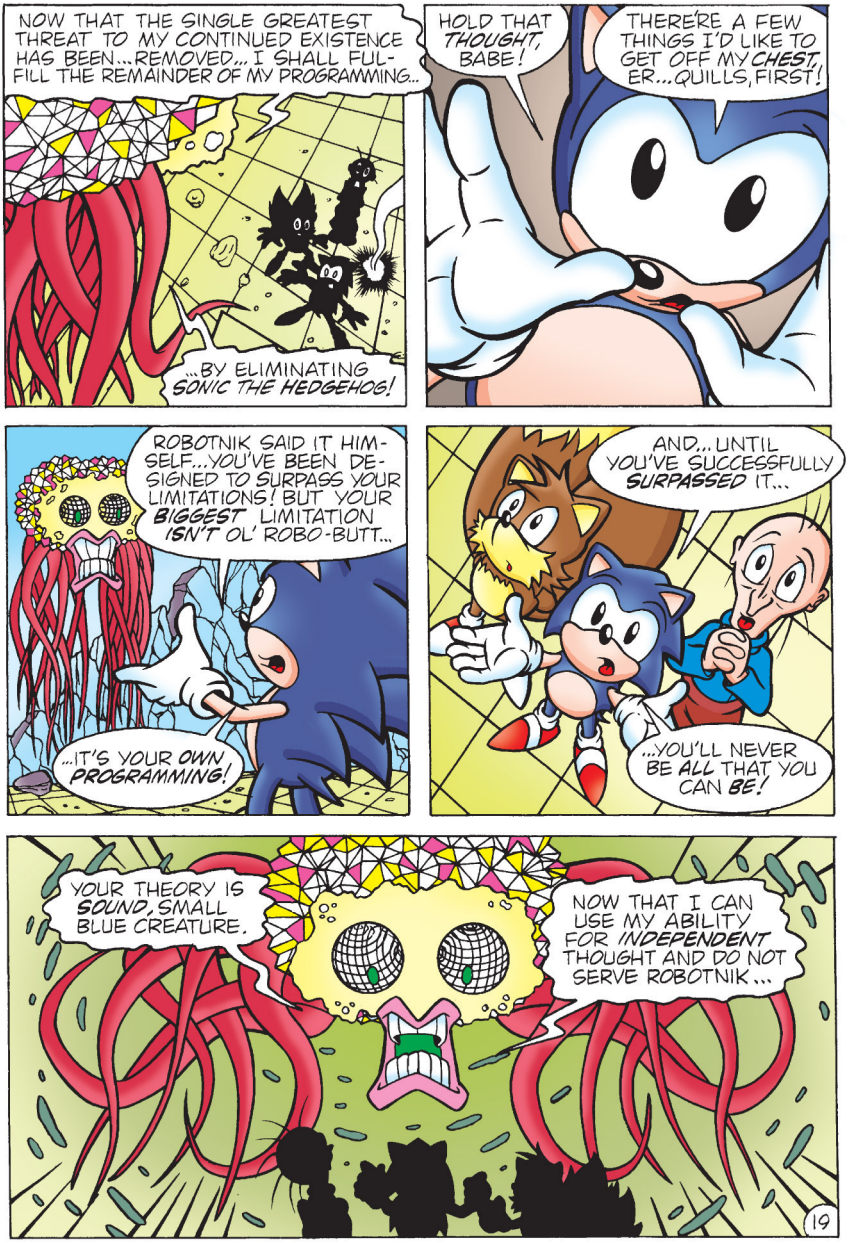
PROGRESS IS WHAT'S HAPPENING, YOU BLUE BUFFOON! OR HAVE YOU SO SOON FORGOTTEN?
GLOOP GLOOP GLOOP
E.V.E. DOESN'T LOSE! SHE NEVER LOSES!

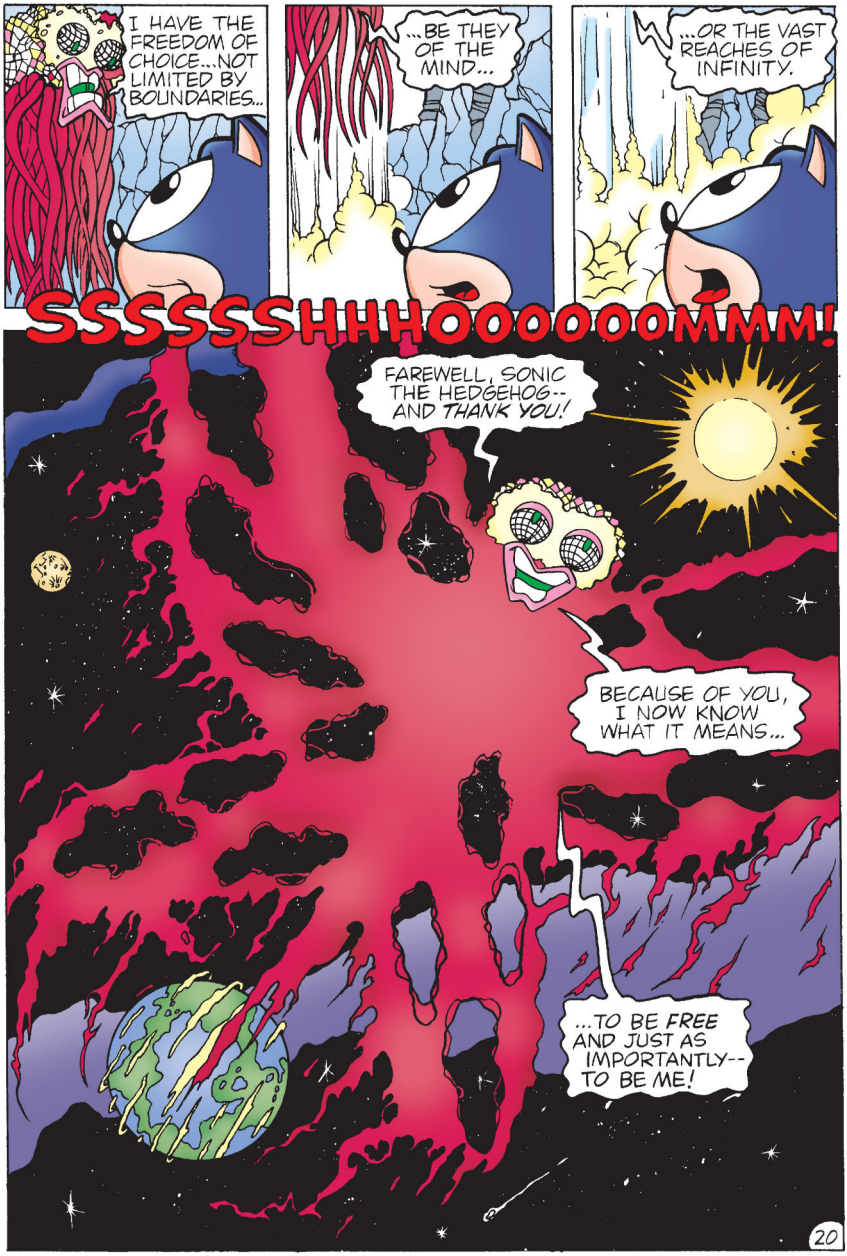

INSTEAD...SHE JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER.
KLIK GRIND WHRRR
BEHOLD!

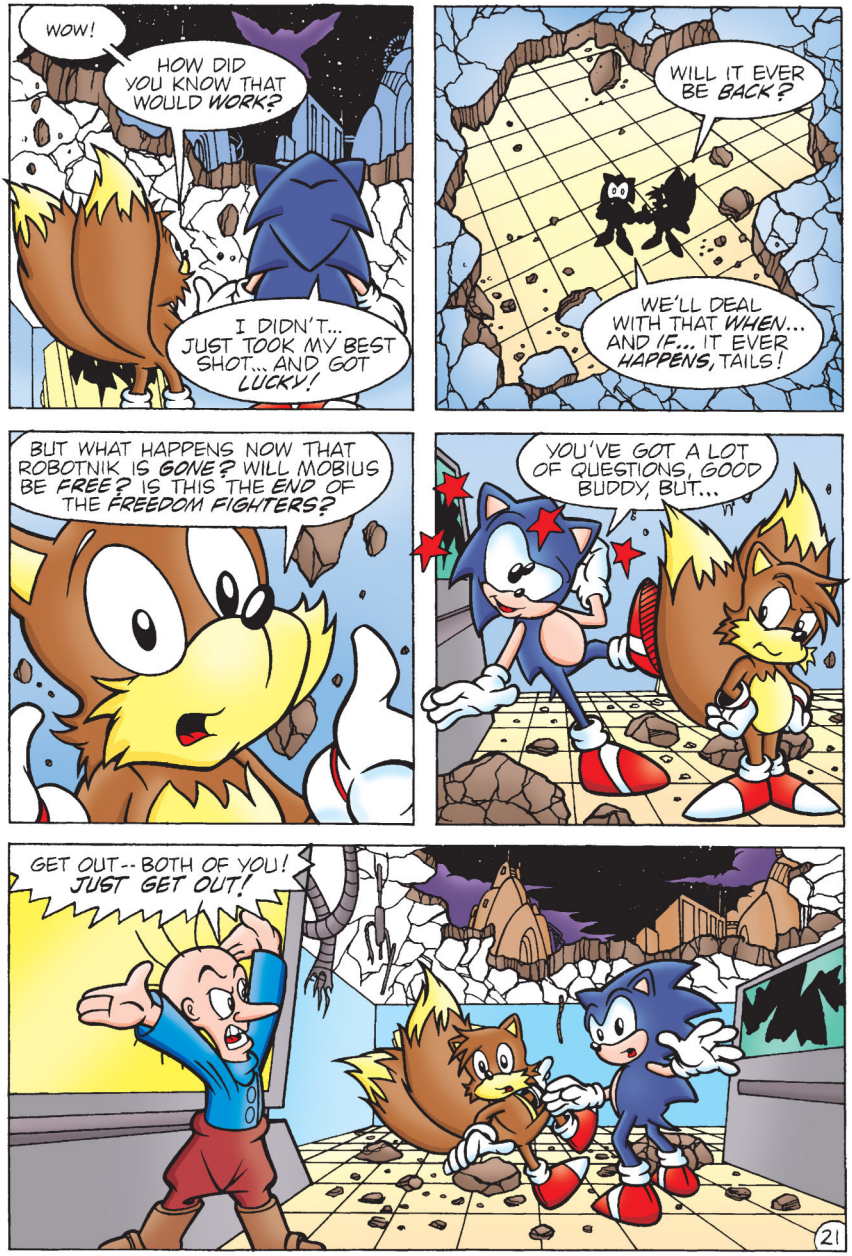

I AM E.V.E.--AN EXCEPTIONALLY VERSATILE EVOLVANOID. MY PROGRAMMING STATES THAT I AM TO LEARN--GROW--ADAPT TO ANY AND ALL EVENTUALITIES...
...THE FINAL PHASE!
...TO SURPASS MY LIMITATIONS.
...AND MY SINGLE GREATEST LIMITATION...
...IS DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK!
M-M-M-ME?!
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
I GAVE YOU FORM... KNOWLEDGE... THE DESIRE TO IMPROVE YOURSELF! ALL THE QUALITIES OF LIFE!
PRECISELY.


HELP!
...BUT YOU ALSO CREATED ME USING CELLS FROM YOUR BODY AND THE HEDGEHOG'S!
FROM ME?!
ROBOTNIK, YOUR CELLS DIDN'T PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE, BUT INSTEAD...EVIL, WHICH WAS OVERPOWERED BY WHAT I RECEIVED FROM SONIC!
CRASH!
YOU MISTAKENLY THOUGHT HIS CELLS PROVIDED RESOURCEFULNESS... BUT THAT'S MOSTLY A LEARNED TRAIT...
YES, ALTHOUGH HE IS IMPATIENT, HE DOES HAVE THE ABILITY TO THINK FOR HIMSELF...
KLIK
BZZZZT!
...AND THE LOGIC I GAINED FROM HIM TELLS ME I NO LONGER NEED TO BE YOUR SERVANT!
ZAP!

YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE SMART BY GIVING ME YOUR COMBINED QUALITIES...
...BUT THAT LED TO YOUR DOWNFALL!
FRAZZATT!
ZZZZUUUUMMMMMMM
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!! DOCTOR ROBOTNIK-- DESTROYED?!!


NOW THAT THE SINGLE GREATEST THREAT TO MY CONTINUED EXISTENCE HAS BEEN...REMOVED... I SHALL FULFILL THE REMAINDER OF MY PROGRAMMING...
...BY ELIMINATING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
HOLD THAT THOUGHT, BABE!
THERE'RE A FEW THINGS I'D LIKE TO GET OFF MY CHEST, ER...QUILLS, FIRST!
ROBOTNIK SAID IT HIMSELF...YOU'VE BEEN DESIGNED TO SURPASS YOUR LIMITATIONS! BUT YOUR BIGGEST LIMITATION ISN'T OL' ROBO-BUTT...
...IT'S YOUR OWN PROGRAMMING!
AND... UNTIL YOU'VE SUCCESSFULLY SURPASSED IT...
...YOU'LL NEVER BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE!
YOUR THEORY IS SOUND, SMALL BLUE CREATURE.
NOW THAT I CAN USE MY ABILITY FOR INDEPENDENT THOUGHT AND DO NOT SERVE ROBOTNIK...


I HAVE THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE...NOT LIMITED BY BOUNDARIES...
...BE THEY OF THE MIND...
...OR THE VAST REACHES OF INFINITY.
SSSSSSSHHHOOOOOOOMMM!
FAREWELL, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG-- AND *THANK YOU!*
BECAUSE OF YOU, I NOW KNOW WHAT IT MEANS...
...TO BE *FREE* AND JUST AS IMPORTANTLY-- TO BE ME!


WOW!
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT WOULD WORK?
I DIDN'T... JUST TOOK MY BEST SHOT... AND GOT LUCKY!
WILL IT EVER BE BACK?
WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT WHEN... AND IF... IT EVER HAPPENS, TAILS!
BUT WHAT HAPPENS NOW THAT ROBOTNIK IS GONE? WILL MOBIUS BE FREE? IS THIS THE END OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS?
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS, GOOD BUDDY, BUT...
GET OUT-- BOTH OF YOU! JUST GET OUT!
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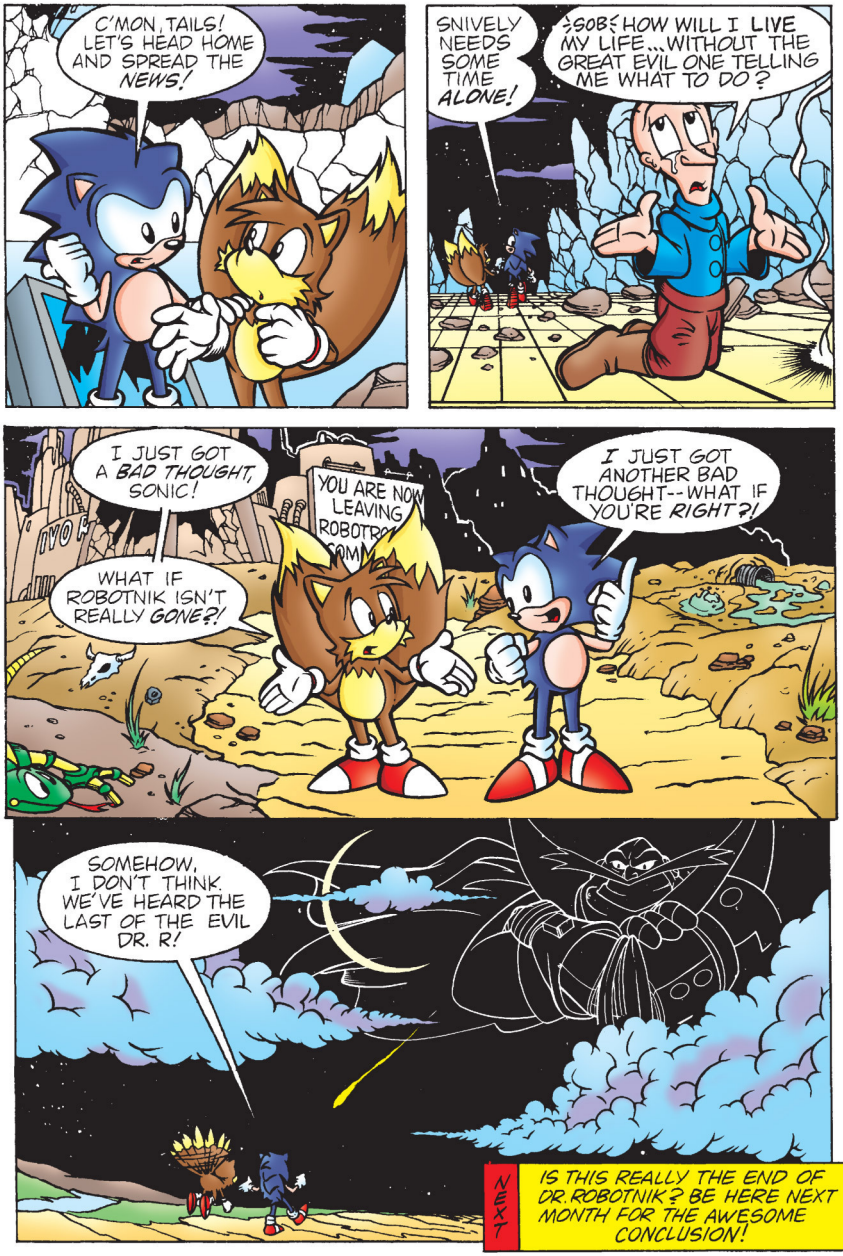
C'MON, TAILS! LET'S HEAD HOME AND SPREAD THE NEWS!
SNIVELY NEEDS SOME TIME ALONE!
SOB! HOW WILL I LIVE MY LIFE...WITHOUT THE GREAT EVIL ONE TELLING ME WHAT TO DO?
I JUST GOT A BAD THOUGHT, SONIC!
WHAT IF ROBOTNIK ISN'T REALLY GONE?!
YOU ARE NOW LEAVING
I JUST GOT ANOTHER BAD THOUGHT--WHAT IF YOU'RE RIGHT?!
SOMEHOW, I DON'T THINK WE'VE HEARD THE LAST OF THE EVIL DR. R!
NEXT
IS THIS REALLY THE END OF DR. ROBOTNIK? BE HERE NEXT MONTH FOR THE AWESOME CONCLUSION!